



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

December 21, 2016

There has been a winter flurry of Special Sessions between last week and this week with education legislation every day. As of this afternoon during the 2016 Fifth Extra Session, the House and Senate re-convened to consider the repeal of HB 2 Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act ([SL 2016-3](#)) from the 2016 Second Extra Session. Additionally, in these last two weeks there has been relevant education legislation:

### **Passed**

1. [HB 2](#) Disaster Recovery Act of 2016 (SL 2016-124)  
This law grants relief in the wake of Hurricane Matthew and the wildfires in the western part of the state. Among other things, it “forgives” all but two of the school days missed. For the exact provision, see Section 5.7 of the law, entitled “Flexibility in School Calendar to Accommodate Extraordinary Circumstances.”
2. [HB 17](#) Modify Certain Appts/Employment (SL 2016-126)  
Governor McCrory signed this bill into law this week. The State Board of Education (SBE) had its own special called meeting on Tuesday to analyze this bill and review the constitutional implications of the legislation. SBE plans to convene another meeting to decide how to proceed.

### **Not Passed**

1. [HB 10](#) Clarify Funding Eligibility/Charter Schools
2. [HB 12](#) School Calendar Flex/CC
3. [HB 13](#) Class Size Requirement Changes

Please review these bills as they forecast potential legislation in 2017.

### **General Assembly Committee Reports with Recommended Legislation**

1. Child Fatality Task Force - [Status of Committee Recommendation for 2017](#)
2. Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee (JLPEOC) - [JLPEOC Draft Bills for 2017](#) including [K-12 Funding](#)
3. Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Building and Infrastructure Needs of the State - [Committee Final Report](#)

**Committee Meetings/Session:**

Thursday, December 29:

- 11:00 AM Joint Legislative Study Committee on School-Based Administrator Pay, 415 LOB

Wednesday, January 11, 2017:

- 12:00 PM House & Senate convene for the 2017 Long Session

Thursday, January 12, 2017:

- 9:00 AM Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee, 544 LOB

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